

PLAN YOUR WEEK

HERE ARE OUR PICKS FOR EVENTS IN THE AREA

Stuck for something to do this weekend? Have some free time midweek? We've got you covered. If you have an event you'd like us to know about, email features@northjersey.com.



MUSIC

Saturday

■ MARSHALL CRENSHAW (photo at left)

The pop singer-songwriter's varied résumé includes a stint in the Broadway show "Beatlemania," playing Buddy Holly in the film "La Bamba" and writing the title track for the film "Walk Hard." His latest album, out last month, is titled "Move Now."

When: 8 p.m.

Where: Mexicali Live, 1409 Queen Anne Road, **Teaneck**.

How much: \$35.

More info: 201-833-0011 or mexicalilive.com.

■ THE FURUYA SISTERS

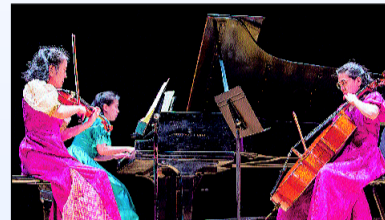
Mimi, Sakiko and Harumi Furuya, all Juilliard graduates, clearly know about family harmony: They'll perform piano trio pieces by Mozart, Kreisler and Mendelssohn at this first of a two-concert series (the second is Dec. 14 at the New York Music School in Tenafly).

When: 4 p.m.

Where: Schimmel Recital Hall at Forte Pianos, 385 Route 17 south, **Paramus**.

How much: \$25, children under 18 \$10.

For more information: 914-200-3622 or FuruyaSisters.com/concerts.htm



■ JOSH WHITE JR.

The longtime folk and jazz musician, social activist and advocate for education is marking the centennial of the birth of his father, influential folk and blues musician Josh White. A food drive will be conducted before the show to benefit the Center for Food Action.

When: 8 p.m.

Where: Hurdy Gurdy Folk Music Club, Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 20th St., **Fair Lawn**.

How much: \$25. **More info:** 201-384-1325 or hurdygurdyfolk.org.

HOLIDAY

Today

■ WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

The Newark Museum launches its holiday season with a gingerbread house display, craft workshops, a reading of "A Visit From St. Nicholas," holiday music in English and Spanish, candlelit tours of the Ballantine House, a planetarium show called "Season of Light" and hot cocoa.

When: 4 to 9 p.m.

Where: The Newark Museum, 49 Washington St., **Newark**.

How much: Free.

More info: 973-596-6550 or newarkmuseum.org.

COMEDY

Saturday

■ JIM JEFFERIES

The no-holds-barred Australian comic/actor/writer has done his share of stand-up specials ("Jim Jefferies: Alcoholocaust," "Jim Jefferies: BARE"), as well as created and starred in the FX series "Legit."

When: 9 p.m.

Where: bergenPAC, 30 N. Van Brunt St., **Englewood**.

How much: \$43.50.

More info: 201-227-1030 or bergenpac.org.



ART

Ongoing

■ HOLIDAY SMALL WORKS SHOW AND SALE



The annual fundraiser for the Art Center of Northern New Jersey offers a chance to buy works from local artists in every medium from paintings to prints to sculpture to jewelry. Reception 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

When: Through Dec. 12. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Where: Art Center of Northern New Jersey, 250 Center St., **New Milford**.

How much: Free.

More info: 201-599-2992 or artcenter-nnj.org.

OUTINGS

Ongoing

■ MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

The Garden State Model Railway Club's annual open house will feature steam and diesel trains, a fully functional turntable and roundhouse, working lights in buildings and along crossings, and naturally, Thomas the Tank Engine.

When: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13 and 14, Jan. 3 and 4. Open 1 to 5 p.m.

Where: 575 High Mountain Road, **North Haledon**.

How much: \$5, children under 12 free (must be accompanied by adult).

More info: modelrailroadshow.com.

KIDS



Sunday

■ ALICE IN WONDERLAND

The Pushcart Players present their musical version of the whimsical Lewis Carroll tale about a girl who fell down a rabbit hole and met a Cheshire Cat and a Mad Hatter.

When: 2 p.m.

Where: Kaplen JCC on the Palisades, 411 E. Clinton Ave., **Tenafly**.

How much: \$12 in advance, \$17 day of show.

More info: 201-408-1493 or jcconthepalisades.org.

'Grinch': Musical

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actor Javert in "Les Miserables" on Broadway – was not intimidated by taking on the well-known Christmas role.

"These characters that are considered 'iconic,' they're iconic because people can relate to them," he said. "So you don't really have to say 'I'm going to be that Grinch.' You step into the character and as an actor, it sort of just gives it to you. You feel a freedom knowing it is a recognizable thing, but you don't have to play that up. You can explore other parts of the character. It's very liberating as an actor."

The musical version is "faithful to the book," Hensley said. He likes that, as well as his ability to ad lib at times during the production.

"It's pretty much a character that can really say what's on his mind at any moment," he said.

"It's so rare in a dramatic character. [Typically] you're sort of wanting to say something but can't. The Grinch just flat out says it. He breaks the fourth wall. On a certain day, if something strikes you in the audience, there's moments where they give you a moment to really just improv and that's fantastic."

People shouldn't assume they are sacrificing a night for the kids' entertainment. This one is for all ages, Hensley said.

"Dr. Seuss was an incredibly clever man and the story resonates with everyone, adults as well," he said. "They've really created those moments that are sort of 'wink-wink' to adults. Basically it has something for absolutely everyone and that's what I love about it."

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BLUE MOON STUDIOS

The musical version of "Grinch" is faithful to the Dr. Seuss book, says lead Shuler Hensley.

TICKET BOX

On-sale dates for upcoming events:

FRIDAY

■ At 10 a.m., **Idina Menzel**, July 12 at PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, and July 17 at Nikon at Jones Beach Theater, Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, N.Y. Live Nation.

■ At 10 a.m., **Foo Fighters**, July 16 at Citi Field, Flushing, N.Y. Live Nation.

■ At 11 a.m., "**Laugh All Night**," 8 p.m. Feb. 6 (\$29); **Jeff Beck**, 8 p.m. April 22 (\$49 to \$129); and **Keb Mo**, 8 p.m. June 26 (\$29 to \$69) at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood. Bergenpac.org.

CANCELED

Prudential Center has announced the cancellation of "**A Brick City Christmas**" on Dec. 13 because of scheduling conflicts. Refunds are available at point of purchase.

STILL ON SALE

■ **Radio City Christmas Spectacular**, various times and days through Dec. 31, Radio City Music Hall, Manhattan. \$45 to \$240. Radiocitychristmas.com.

■ **New York Spring Spectacular**, various times and days, March 26 to May 3, Radio City Music Hall, Manhattan. \$46 to \$100. Rockettes.com/spring.

■ **Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!**, 7:30 tonight at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. \$34 to \$129. Njpac.org.

■ **Mike Epps**, 8 p.m. Friday at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. \$39 to \$89. Njpac.org.

■ "**A Hip Hop Nutcracker**," 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. Njpac.org.

■ "**Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical**," Friday to Dec. 28 at Theater at Madison Square Garden, Manhattan. Live Nation.

■ **New Jersey Ballet "Nutcracker"**, 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood. \$39 and \$61. Bergenpac.org.

■ **It's Today: Mame at NJ-PAC**, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. \$50 to \$70. Njpac.org.

■ **Slipknot**, Saturday at Izod Center, East Rutherford. Ticketmaster.

■ **Robert Klein**, 8 p.m. Saturday at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. \$49.50. Njpac.org.

■ **Jim Jefferies**, 9 p.m. Saturday at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood. \$42.50. Bergenpac.org.

■ **Neil Sedaka**, 8 p.m. Dec. 12 at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood. \$45 to \$121. Bergenpac.org.

■ **Swingin' Holidays**, 2 p.m. Dec. 13 at New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark. \$13 to \$25. Njpac.org.

■ **LeAnn Rimes**, 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at Bergen Performing Arts Center, Englewood. \$45 to \$88. Bergenpac.org.

■ **Justin Timberlake**, 8 p.m. Dec. 16 at Barclays Center, Brooklyn. Live Nation.

■ **Andrea Bocelli**, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 17 at Madison Square Garden, Manhattan. \$80 to \$395. Ticketmaster.

Live Nation: 877-598-8694, livenation.com; Ticketmaster: 800-745-3000, ticketmaster.com. Call to confirm times, dates and admission.

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